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LB 899, 611

this go into the passover list fully realizing the implications, fully realizing that I will never be chairman of Banking or anything else anymore. I believe it is in the best interests of Nebraskans to do it, and at some point you have to do these things.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill will go at the bottom of the passed-over file as per your worksheet. Senator Venditte, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR VENDITTE: .....possible to, since we have done that, to maybe take up one more additional bill on General File?

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, I have already announced that we would take up three and I am going to stick with it unless the Legislature overrules it. The next bill is LB 611.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 611 was introduced by Senator Sieck. (Read title to LB 611.) The bill was read on January 9. It was referred to Public Works. It was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, you had your light on, do you wish to speak to....oh. We will call on Senator Kremer first and then we will come back to you.

SENATOR KEYES: Come back to me when you get ready to adjourn. Just before it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, real quickly to explain the committee amendments to LB 611. The purpose of the bill is to eliminate some paper work when a new power line is constructed or extended. The old law provided that if the power line carried a voltage in excess of 700 volts that an application had to be filed with the Public Service Commission. There was a good deal of support for the bill. There were some that opposed, namely the railroads, the telephone people and, I believe, the natural gas people, and the bill was held over until these engineers representing these various utility people got together on a compromise and here they are. Number one, it provides that an application needs to be filed only if the line is in excess of 1500 volts and is within a quarter of a mile of another line, or exceeds 700 volts that is within 500 feet, and it makes another exception that no application